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AT NOON TODAY POPE JOHN XXIII BROADCAST SPECIAL "APPEAL FOR PEACE AMONG PEOPLES" WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED OVER VATICAN RADIO ON NUMBER OF WAVELENGTHS. ADDRESS WAS GIVEN IN FRENCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSLATED INTO OTHER WORLD LANGUAGES.

POPE MADE REFERENCE TO FACT THAT AFTER OPENING OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL IN ATMOSPHERE OF JOY AND HOPE "THREATENING CLOUDS NOW COME TO DARKEN HORIZON AND SOW FEAR AMONG FAMILIES." HE REFERRED TO HIS REMARKS TO SPECIAL MISSIONS ATTENDING OPENING CEREMONY OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL IN WHICH HE REMINDED "MEN IN ALL COUNTRIES WHO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY OF POWER" OF GREAT DUTY TO "GIVE EAR TO CRY OF PEACE, PEACE WHICH RISES FROM ALL HEARTS." HE WISHED TO REPEAT THIS SOLEMN WARNING AND AGAIN ASK ALL GOVERNMENTS TO DO THEIR BEST FOR PEACE AND AVOID WAR. HE ASKED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE CONTINUED, SAYING THAT TO "PROMOTE, FAVOR, AND ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS AT ALL LEVELS AND AT ALL TIMES IS RULE OF WISDOM AND PRUDENCE." ADDED FINALLY THAT PEACE "CAN BE TRUE AND LASTING ONLY IF BASED ON JUSTICE AND EQUITY."

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